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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/DP)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/17/2006
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (US 7224730 B2, hereinafter referred to as “Kim”).**

Re **claim 1**, Kim discloses a method of decoding video data in a video decoder to regenerate a corresponding sequence of images, characterized in that the method includes the steps of: (a) arranging for the decoder to include processing means coupled to an associated main data memory (and a data cache memory (Kim: column 7, lines 9-21) (b) receiving the video data including anchor picture data in compressed form at the decoder and storing the data in the main memory (Kim: Fig. 15, step 1504; column 19, lines 23-26)(c) processing the compressed video data in the processing means to generate corresponding macroblock data including motion vectors describing motional differences between the images in the sequence (Kim: column 19, lines 35-37); and (d) applying motion compensation in the processing means to generate from the macroblock data and one or more anchor pictures the corresponding sequence of decoded images (Kim: column 19, lines 47-51); the method being arranged to apply the

motion compensation such that the motion vectors derived from the macroblocks used for reconstructing the sequence of images are analyzed and macroblocks accordingly sorted so as to provide for more efficient data transfer between the main memory and the processing means (Kim: column 8, lines 15-16 and 50, the frames are divided into video object planes [VOPs] which consist of macroblocks grouped as objects).

Re **claim 2**, Kim discloses that groups of macroblocks transferred between the processing means and the memory correspond to spatially neighboring macroblocks in one or more of the images (Kim: column 8, lines 15-16 and 50).

Re **claim 3**, Kim discloses that the sequence of images includes at least one initial reference image from which subsequent images are generated by way of applying motion compensation using the motion vectors (Kim: column 8, lines 36-49).

Re **claim 4**, Kim discloses that one or more of the images are represented in one or more corresponding video object planes in the memory, said one or more planes including data relating to at least one of coding contour information, motion information and textural information (Kim: column 19, lines 5-10).

Re **claim 5**, Kim discloses that the video object planes are arranged to include one or more video objects which are mapped by said motion compensation in the processing means from one or more earlier images to one or more later images in the sequence (Kim: column 8, lines 36-49).

Re **claim 6**, Kim discloses that the method in step (a) is arranged to receive video data read from a data carrier, preferably an optically readable and/or writable data carrier, and/or a data communication network (Kim: column 7, lines 9-21).

Re **claim 7**, Kim discloses said method being arranged to be compatible with one or more block-based video compression schemes, for example MPEG standards (Kim: column 7, line 64-column 8, line 3).

Claim 8 recites the corresponding decoder apparatus for implementing the method of claim 1, and therefore claim 8 has been analyzed and rejected with respect to claim 1 above.

Claim 9 has been analyzed and rejected with respect to claim 3 above.

Claim 10 has been analyzed and rejected with respect to claim 4 above.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- a. Moving Image Estimating System; Sekiguchi et al. (US 20020114392 A1)
- b. Motion picture encoding system and motion picture decoding system; Sekiguchi et al. (US 6108449 A)
- c. Method for encoding and transcoding multiple video objects with variable temporal resolution; Vetro et al. (US 6650705 B1)

- d. Efficient motion estimation for an arbitrarily-shaped object; Panusopone et al. (US 6483874 B1)

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER FINDLEY whose telephone number is (571)270-1199. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 AM-5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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